

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of reporting a location~~, comprising:

determining whether a location finding device is within a first distance of a first location; and

when the location finding device is not within the first distance of the first location:

determining whether a wireless access point is available, and transmitting information indicative of a location of the location finding device to a server via the wireless access point, when the wireless access point is determined to be available;

determining whether a ~~preferred provider~~ designated locating party is located within a predefined distance of the location finding device; and

when the ~~preferred provider~~ designated locating party is determined to be located within the predefined distance of the location finding device, conveying information associated with the location finding device to the ~~preferred provider~~ designated locating party to enable the designated locating party to physically search for the location finding device.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining whether a wireless access point is available comprises:

determining whether a preferred provider wireless access point is available, and
when the preferred provider wireless access point is determined not to be
available, determining whether any wireless access point is available.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predefined
distance is 0.5 miles.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the conveying
information associated with the location finding device comprises contacting the
~~preferred provider~~ designated locating party via one of a voice telephone call, a facsimile
message, or an e-mail message.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the conveying
information associated with the location finding device comprises transmitting the
information associated with the location finding device to a database of the ~~preferred~~
~~provider~~ designated locating party.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining the location of the location finding device based on received global
positioning system satellite signals.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first distance is a distance at which the location finding device can receive a message from a device located at the first location.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
transmitting the message from the device at predetermined intervals; and
the determining whether the location finding device is within the first distance comprises determining whether the message was received within a predefined time interval.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein when the location finding device is determined to not be within the first distance and the wireless access point is determined to be available, the method further comprises:

determining the location of the location finding device based on received global positioning system satellite signals.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a command for changing a rate at which information indicative of the location of the location finding device is reported to the server; and
changing the rate at which the information indicative of the location of the location finding device is reported to the server.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining whether the location finding device is within the first distance of the first location comprises:

- collecting global positioning system satellite signals;
- determining the location of the location finding device based on information included in the global positioning system satellite signals;
- calculating a distance between the location of the location finding device and the first location; and
- comparing the first distance to the calculated distance.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~location-finding device~~ system comprising:

- a server to store information identifying a party associated with a location finding device, an emergency service provider associated with a current location of the location finding device, and a locating party associated with the location system; and
- a wireless transceiver configured to communicate with a wireless access device;
- and
- a global positioning system receiver configured to receive global positioning system satellite signals, wherein

the location finding device is configured to determine [[a]] the current location of the location finding device using the received global positioning system satellite signals and report the current location to ~~a server~~ at least two of the party associated with the location finding device, the emergency service provider, or the locating party using the stored information via the wireless access device when an absence of signals periodically transmitted from a device is detected by the location finding device; and

the location finding device is configured to receive an identifier from the wireless access device indicative of a preferred access provider.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~location finding device~~ system of claim [[8]] 12, wherein the location finding device is configured to adjust a frequency of reporting the current information in response to receiving a command to adjust the frequency of reporting.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~location finding device~~ system comprising:

- means for determining whether [[the]] a location finding device is within a first distance of a specific location or area;
- means for determining whether a wireless access point is available to the location finding device;
- means for receiving, at the location finding device, an identifier from the wireless access point indicative of a preferred access provider; [[and]]
- means for reporting information indicative of a location of the location finding device to a database server via the wireless access point;
- means for storing, at the database server, contact information for a party associated with the location finding device; and
- means for generating, at the database server, a notification reporting the location using the contact information.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~location finding device~~ system of claim 14, wherein the means for receiving the identifier from the wireless access point comprises means for receiving a special service set identifier (SSID).

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~location finding device~~ of claim 14, wherein the means for determining whether the location finding device is within the first distance comprises:

means for collecting global positioning system satellite signals;

means for determining the location of the location finding device based on information included in the global positioning system satellite signals;

means for calculating a distance between the location of the location finding device and the specific location or area; and

means for comparing the first distance to the calculated distance.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~location finding device~~ system of claim 14, wherein the means for determining whether the location finding device is within the first distance comprises:

means for receiving a message transmitted from a device at predetermined intervals; and

means for determining whether the message was received within a predetermined time interval.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~location finding device~~ system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for adjusting a rate at which the means for reporting reports information indicative of the location of the location finding device to the database server.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~location finding device~~ system of claim 18, wherein the means for adjusting the rate is configured to adjust the rate in response to the location finding device receiving a command for adjusting the rate.

20. (Currently Amended) A server for receiving location information from a locator device, the server comprising:

a database configured to store information associated with a plurality of users, the information including contact information and ~~at least one of a name,~~ a physical description, ~~an age, or a disability~~ associated with each of the users, and

a processing device configured to:

receive a signal transmitted from the locator device associated with a first one of the users, and

identify contact information associated with the first user stored in the database.

21. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 20, wherein:

the database is further configured to store information associated with a plurality of ~~preferred providers~~ locating parties, and

the processing device is further configured to:

use the stored information associated with the ~~plurality of preferred providers~~
locating parties to determine ~~whether a nearest locating party preferred provider is~~
~~located within a predefined distance of~~ to a location of the locator device indicated by
the received signal from the locator device, and

use the stored information associated with the ~~plurality of preferred providers~~
locating parties to convey ~~information associated with one of the users who is~~
~~associated with the locator device~~ the physical description of the first user to the
nearest locating party, ~~when a preferred provider is determined to be within the~~
~~predefined distance of the locator device.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 21, wherein the processing device
is further configured to ~~use the stored information associated with the plurality of~~
~~preferred providers to convey information associated with one of the users who is~~
~~associated with the locator device~~, comprises the processing device being configured to
contact the nearest locating party preferred provider via at least one of a voice telephone
call, a facsimile message, or an e-mail.

23. (Currently Amended) The server of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ the processing device
being further configured to ~~use the stored information associated with the plurality of~~
~~preferred providers to convey information associated with one of the users who is~~
~~associated with the locator device~~, comprises the processing device being configured to

transmit the ~~information associated with the one of the users~~ physical description of the first user to a database of the nearest locating party ~~preferred provider~~.

24. (Original) The server of claim 20, further comprising:
a network interface configured to connect the server to a network, wherein
the server is configured to send a command to the locator device to change a rate
of reporting of the locator device to the database server.

25. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 20, wherein the processing device is
further configured to transmit at least one of an e-mail, a pager message, or a facsimile
message based on the contact information and in response to the received signal.

26. (Original) The server of claim 20, wherein the processing device is further
configured to make a telephone call based on the contact information.

27. (Original) The server of claim 20, wherein the signal includes location
information identifying a location of the locator device.

28. (Original) The server of claim 27, wherein the signal represents an
emergency request message.